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Times Square protest reenacts Gaza death trap

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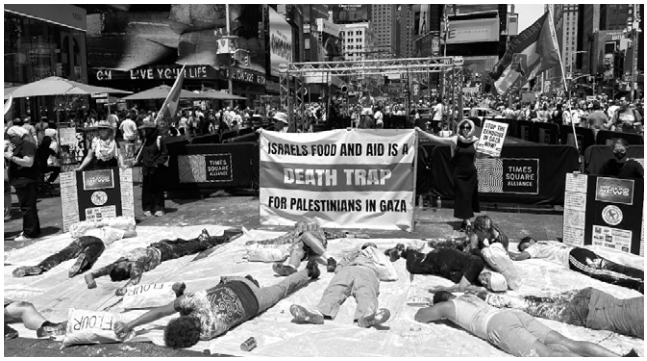
On July 5, autonomous activists alongside PAL-Awda Long Island gathered in the heart of the central city of U.S. capitalism, Times Square, to reenact the death traps Palestinians face when simply attempting to reach food and other aid. The enactment was chillingly entitled "Gaza's 'Real Life' Hunger Games."

Over the past month, Israeli military forces have targeted, bombed and gunned down people seeking simple necessities for survival. The Israel/U.S.-backed "food distribution organization," even more chillingly entitled the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, announces the distributions. The foundation set the stage for 19 separate massacres in which more than 549 Palestinians were killed and over 4,000 wounded.

The war crime has been evident from the start. The level of daily mass killing is the result of the Israeli military's deliberate policy of shooting live small arms ammunition, tank rounds and mortars into crowds of aid-seekers. The military's aim is to turn food distribution points into killing fields as part of Israel's ongoing genocide.

Over the past 21 months, New York residents have made it clear that they oppose the U.S. and Israel's war crimes and refuse to back down until full humanitarian aid is safely let into Gaza alongside a complete arms embargo. ☐



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Protest targets murderous 'Gaza Humanitarian Foundation.' Times Square, New York City, July 5, 2025.

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Pam Africa, center, with two striking DC 33 sanitation workers as Philadelphia '4th of You Lie' march shows solidarity with the union. July 4, 2025.

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Sanitation workers and allies picket billion-dollar Republic Services in Peabody, Massachusetts, July 6, 2025.

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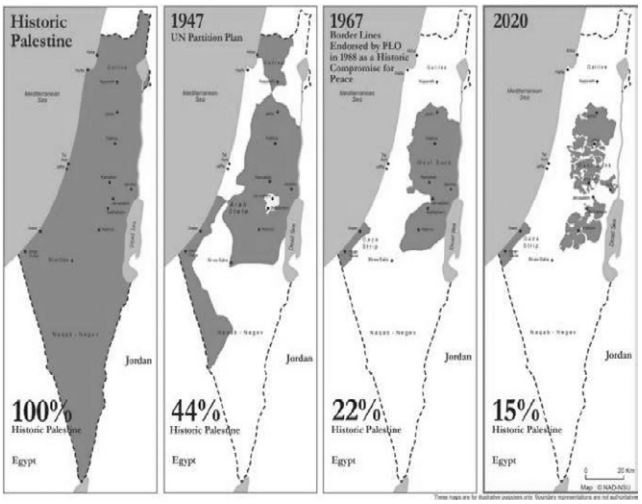

How Palestine became Israel.

Since the heroic Al-Aqsa Flood took place 21 months ago on Oct. 7, 2023, the Zionist state of Israel — with the military backing of the U.S. — has carried out an unprecedented racist genocidal campaign against the people of Gaza, played out daily in real time on social media. No one — including children — has been spared in this catastrophic war of horrific ethnic cleansing, which has included the mass destruction of all infrastructure — housing, hospitals, schools, electricity, places of worship, water, sewage and much more.

And then there is the slow, excruciating death by forced starvation of the Gazan population.

No real humanitarian aid, including food, has been allowed into Gaza for months. And when a trickling amount of aid is allowed in, hungry people are used as machine gun targets by the Israeli occupying forces, killing dozens every day under the aegis of the U.S.-backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation. Some members of the occupying force revealed that they have been ordered to shoot to kill as many hungry Gazans, including children, as possible, according to the Israeli-based July 3 Haaretz publication.

This ongoing phase of genocide since Oct. 7 is enough of a reason to declare that Israel is a terrorist, criminal state. Even the International Criminal Court stated that Israel is guilty of war crimes and that its leaders, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, should be arrested as war criminals wherever they may travel.

According to the latest figures released by the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza, over 57,000 Gazans have been martyred and over 136,000 injured since Oct. 7. (Resistance News Network, July 6)

Israel rooted in racist Zionism

As this author wrote in a previous article on the roots of Zionism: "Theodor Herzl, known as the founder of Zionism, was an imperialist who greatly admired the despicable British colonizer of Africa, Cecil Rhodes. Herzl strived to become a member of the ruling class rather than identifying with poor Jewish people. Herzl was, in essence, a class collaborationist and a vehement racist.

The article continued: "Herzl's 'dream' of a Jewish homeland was elaborated on by Chaim Weizmann and backed by British imperialists, including 'Christian Zionist' A.J. Balfour, who wanted a permanent European wedge in the region of Islamic nations. The 1917 Balfour Declaration, signed by British imperialists, declared Palestine a 'national homeland' for Jewish people. This was a cover to bring in Zionist settlers to set up an armed state and forcibly displace hundreds of thousands of Palestinians." (workers.org/2022/04/63580)

As a result, Israel declared its "independence" on May 14, 1948. The Nakba (or the catastrophe) exploded on April 9, 1948, when hundreds of Palestinians were massacred in the village of Deir Yassin, near Jerusalem, by armed Zionist gangs. This heinous crime against humanity forced an estimated 700,000 Palestinians to flee their ancestral lands and go to other countries as refugees.

A year and a month after this massacre, Israel was approved by the United Nations General Assembly as a member state on May 11, 1949.

As we can see today, the Nakba continues for the Palestinian people who still both suffer and resist this fascistic, settler-colonial occupation that could not survive one day if not for the backing from every U.S. administration, Democratic or Republican, since Israel's founding and which grew enormously after the 1967 and 1973 wars.

Israel more isolated today than ever

The current genocide in Gaza has resulted in Israel becoming the number one global social pariah. Millions of people in the Global South and Global North have mobilized in the streets, workplaces and on college campuses demanding a "free Palestine from the river to the sea" and for the U.S. and other imperialist countries to stop arming Israel's genocide.

Workers World Party salutes groups like Palestine Action in Britain, which organized clandestine campaigns to disable Israeli weapons manufacturers like Elbit Systems. Dock workers from Italy to France to Greece have blocked arms shipments to Israel.

Along with the heroic united Palestinian armed resistance led by Gaza-based Hamas and the Axis of Resistance — most notably Yemen and Iran — this global solidarity with Palestine has resulted in a crumbling, demoralized Israeli economy and society.

Fascist settlers are fleeing Israel in the thousands by air and sea, tens of thousands of Israeli businesses have collapsed, a growing number of soldiers are dying or suffering from PTSD, and $3 billion worth of damage was caused by Iran's retaliatory attacks on Tel Aviv last month.

Does Israel have the right to exist?

Outside of the United States, if one attends a mass concert or even a sports event like soccer, huge Palestinian flags can be seen waving in the air, as young fans chant, "Free Palestine." Many performers and athletes have expressed their solidarity with Palestine.

But this solidarity was taken to a whole new level when a popular duo of color, Bob Vylan, began a chant on stage of "Death, death to the IDF" at the Glastonbury Festival of Contemporary Performing Arts held in Somerset, England on June 28. IDF refers to

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Budget bill exposes both capitalist parties

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It was a rare occasion. The headlines of the corporate media provided a succinct analysis of the U.S. mammoth budget bill that became law July 4.

First, you had to hate Trump and all Republicans for pushing the bill through. The July 4 Qatar-owned Al Jazeera summed it up: "Donald Trump's bill will raise top-tier wealth, erode health care for poor people and raise the deficit by $3 trillion."

We at Workers World could hardly have put it better. The bill will cut taxes mainly for those with incomes more than $460,000 a year, diminish Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly the Food Stamp Program), close hospitals, increase the climate catastrophe, hike funding for ICE repression of migrants and increase weapons purchased for policing the world.

But if the MAGA criminals inspired anger, the Democrats competed by inspiring contempt. True, all Democrats in the House and Senate voted against the bill. But a Page 1, New York Times headline on July 4 summed up how the Democratic leaders reacted: "Democrats See a Chance to Win Voters Back." The continuation headline was even more deadly: "Expecting Backlash to Bill, Democrats See an Avenue Back to Power in Congress."

The article was true to the headline. The Democratic Party leaders' main reaction — and they spoke about it without shame — was to express something close to joy at the opportunity to blame the Trump administration for the horrors the poorest people will be experiencing as the budget bill's provisions become law.

To make it clear what is planned, Republicans voted almost unanimously for the greatest transfer of wealth in history from the many poorest to the few richest U.S. residents.

The Democrats — except for a symbolic filibuster speech in the Senate by Cory Booker and a similar eight-and-a-half-hour delay in the House by Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries — did hardly anything to stop the bill from being passed.

Don't think there was nothing they could have done. Remember all the Republicans did to sabotage the Affordable Care Act, both while it was being passed and to undermine its effectiveness. The Democrats could have mounted a real Senate filibuster with more than one participant. They could have mobilized the entire collection of House Democrats to ask questions of Jeffries and keep him going beyond the weekend.

Having delayed the passage of the bill and depriving #47 of his big 4th of July victory speech, the Democrats could have started mobilizing those millions of people hurt by the bill to protest.

Instead the Democrats were saying: The people will suffer, and then they'll vote for us. This is the stance of a party that, although it knew five million people took the streets for the June 14 No Kings protests, cannot even put up a decent show of opposition in Congress. When polls show that 70% of the people opposed the bill, the Democrats wouldn't go all out to stop it.

The lesson of all this is that while it's a good idea to hate the Republicans and Trump, it's a bad idea to look to the Democratic Party for the solution. ☐

SEIU members protest budget at U.S. Capitol on June 23, 2025.

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the Israel Defense Forces, often referred to as the Israel Occupation Forces (IOF). Concert promoters are now threatening to ban the duo from performing in other areas, falsely accusing them of being antisemitic.

Bob Vylan stated: "We are not for the death of Jews, Arabs or any other race or group of people. We are for the dismantling of a violent military machine." (Rolling Stone, July 1) The group gained an additional 300,000 followers on Spotify since their Glastonbury performance as of July 7.

Based on all that has unfolded before and since Oct. 7, who can rationally dispute this duo's demand? Every Israeli government has instituted an apartheid-like policy of using every inhumane tactic of massacres, violent displacement, indiscriminate detentions, torture and sheer humiliation against the Palestinian people based on a white supremacist, settler-colonial, pro-imperialist ideology. The main "defense" Israel has wielded since its founding is a false claim of being a victim of "antisemitism."

Israel has also served as an imperialist garrison state that has consistently carried out military aggression in neighboring countries such as Lebanon, Syria, Iran and Egypt in efforts to expand its illegal settlements as well as safeguarding Western corporate oil and gas profits.

There is little to no separation from Israel being an illegal, terrorist machine with no regard for human life and from being a settler-colonial regime that should be totally dismantled. Therefore, Workers World Party says: Make Israel Palestine again. ☐

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La victoria de Zohran Mamdani

Lo que sabemos y lo que no sabemos

Por Monica Moorehead

Decir que la victoria de Zohran Mamdani en las primarias del Partido Demócrata para la alcaldía de Nueva York el 24 de junio fue una completa estupefacción sería quedarse monumentalmente corto. Se impuso oficialmente a su oponente, el ex gobernador de Nueva York Andrew Cuomo, que reconoció su derrota la misma noche de la votación. Aunque es demasiado pronto para evaluar los acontecimientos que se producirán antes de la votación a la alcaldía del 4 de noviembre, hay algunos puntos que sí sabemos y, lo que es más importante, otros que desconocemos.

Lo que sí sabemos es que Mamdani es un musulmán del sur de Asia, nacido en Kampala, Uganda. Su madre es la aclamada directora de cine india Mira Nair. Su padre, Mahmood Mamdani, es un profesor que dio clases en Ciudad del Cabo (Capetown), Sudáfrica, y que ahora enseña en la Universidad de Columbia, en Nueva York.

Mamdani, miembro de la Asamblea del Estado de Nueva York en representación de un distrito de Queens, se presentó con una plataforma de congelación de alquileres y viviendas asequibles, autobuses rápidos y gratuitos, guarderías sin coste y tiendas de comestibles de propiedad municipal. (zohranfornyc.com/es/platform) Es miembro de los Socialistas Democráticos de América, una coalición reformista que suele situarse a la izquierda de la estructura del Partido Demócrata.

Aunque la victoria de Mamdani el 24 de junio entusiasmó a medio millón de residentes sudasiáticos, al parecer junto con muchos votantes jóvenes de la ciudad de Nueva York, suscitó una fuerte condena por parte de Wall Street y las grandes corporaciones inmobiliarias, junto con políticos celosos, de derechas y pro israelíes, que gastaron 25 millones de dólares en la campaña de Cuomo.

Estas fuerzas etiquetaron falsamente a Mamdani de «terrorista» y «antisemita» a pesar de que Mamdani ha declarado que cree que Israel tiene «derecho a existir». De hecho, algunos republicanos han pedido la deportación de Mamdani, que obtuvo la ciudadanía estadounidense después de que sus padres emigraran aquí cuando él tenía siete años.

Lo que no sabemos

El Partido Demócrata es un partido pro clase dominante y pro guerra, similar al Partido Republicano, que intentará cooptar a su base de masas utilizando cualquier táctica para ganar las elecciones. Una de sus tácticas más insidiosas es encumbrar a los políticos de color, ya sea un Zohran Mamdani o un Barack Obama. Votar en cualquier elección estadounidense con el objetivo de cambiar fundamentalmente las condiciones de vida de las masas acaba siendo una gran decepción. El dominio de la clase burguesa siempre mantiene su dominación.

Con todo esto en mente, algunas preguntas que quedan por responder en los próximos meses son: ¿Llevará Mamdani su campaña más allá de las limitaciones del ámbito electoral? ¿O cederá su campaña a los ataques derechistas de ambos partidos capitalistas? ¿Conseguirá la campaña de Mamdani implicar directamente a las masas para que apoyen su plataforma de autobuses y guarderías gratuitos y eviten que los caseros suban los alquileres convocando huelgas o acciones directas para sacudir a los poderes fácticos? ¿Conseguirá la intensificación de los ataques islamófobos, xenófobos o racistas o de las denuncias fraudulentas de antisemitismo contra la campaña de Mamdani desencadenar un contraataque masivo entre sus partidarios?

Las respuestas a estas preguntas y a otras más tendrán consecuencias nacionales e internacionales debido a la heroica resistencia al imperialismo en el Sur Global liderada por las fuerzas de Asia Occidental, lo que conducirá al declive permanente del capitalismo global. Y la ciudad de Nueva York sigue siendo el centro del capitalismo financiero global.

Independientemente de cómo se desarrolle la campaña de Mamdani en noviembre, ha llegado el momento de que los antiimperialistas revolucionarios, los socialistas y cualquiera que quiera deshacerse del capitalismo desarrollen un frente unido independiente para forjar la unidad de clase con el fin de lograr este objetivo final. ☐

Partidarios de Zohran Mamdani celebran su victoria en Nueva York, el 24 de junio de 2025.

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